

But, what sense is there in talking about and groaning over conditions of 40 or 50 years ago, anyway? Man's views of God, government, the world and man himself have undergone radical changes since Judge Cullen was young. In the past half-century there has been more change, not to say progress, in men's thought and action than in any similar period in the earth's history. The fellow who would have human affairs as they were 50 years ago is a thousand years old and over and he must stand aside. Even the principle of personal rights has aged, somewhat, and we begin to define it as that which is best for all, a sacrifice of individual rights or advantages for the common brotherhood. At all events, man is arrayed against monopolization of rights by classes and only the especially favored and the aged fear what he will finally accomplish. R. F. Paine.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### REPLY TO SERCOMBE

Editor Day Book:—Mr. Sercombe is puzzled at the spectacle of the members of the Sunday School Association praising each other for devotion to the business that butters their parsnips. Nor can he understand their point of view in honestly believing that all progress depends on the manner in which they conduct their profession.

Permit me to quote from one who has put more mental dynamite in men's brains than any other living man. Bernard Shaw says, "There is no harder scientific fact in the world than the fact that belief can be produced in unlimited quantity and intensity, without observation or reasoning and even in defiance of both, by the simple desire to believe founded on a strong interest in believing."

People who believe that the future of the race depends on the teaching of Hebrew history and mythology will believe anything. Capture a child's

mind, teach him solemnly and faithfully that the moon is composed of green cheese, that his material and spiritual future depend on that fact, and a host of astronomers will not be able to erase the feeling that somewhere on the hidden side there is a large quantity of cheese.

H. O. Perlee.

### ABUSE OF CRIPPLES

Editor Day Book:—I wish to call attention to an incident that happened to me last week while out in the country. I am crippled, and to pay my expenses I was selling small articles in Elkhart, Ind. I walked to a house and rang the bell. A woman came out and said "Go on, you dirty beggar." I protested against such foul language and walked away. Some minutes later a police wagon came along and slammed me into it. At the station I was told to stop peddling. I would like to know, can any so-called respectable rich man or woman abuse an unfortunate cripple and on top of it have him arrested? Go in the jails in any big city of this glorious country and you will find poor cripples inside. As a rule, he has no friends, no money, and hence is an easy prey in the hands of the law and respectability. Coarse language is used against cripples by some police all over this country. I for one man made up my mind I will no longer serve as prey for the sneers of petty snobs or the brutal language of some police.

I back up these words with my very life if need be. I want to protest against such unfair and cowardly treatment.

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### COUNTERFEIT HALF-DOLLAR

Editor Day Book:—I am a counterfeit half a dollar; my father's name is Schemer. I am one of a large family numbering possibly into the thousands. When I came into the world my breast was emblazoned with the Goddess of Liberty and my